

The Fifth Sunday in Lent - Passion Sunday
March 21, 2021



Trinity United Church of Christ, Berlin

*If you are spiritually weary and in search of rest,
if you are mourning and you long for comfort,
if you are struggling and you desire victory,
if you recognize that you are a sinner and need a Savior,
God welcomes you here in the name of Christ.*

*To the stranger in need of fellowship,
to those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
and to whoever will come,
this congregation opens wide its doors
and welcomes all in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

Morning Prayer and Sermon

Music of Preparation

Versicle –

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

Confession of Sin

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth His praise, to hear His holy Word, and too ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship Him, let us bow our heads in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by His infinite goodness and mercy.

Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those, O God, who confess their sins. Restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto humankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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Assurance of Pardon

Praise

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Hymn of Praise: No. 153 *Alas! And did My Savior Bleed

***The Collect**

Old Testament Lesson

Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹ “Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, ³² not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. ³³ For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

***The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ St. John 12:20-33**

²⁰ Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. ²¹ So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²² Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³ And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears

much fruit. ²⁵ Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

²⁷ “Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.”

²⁹ The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.”

³⁰ Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not mine. ³¹ Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. ³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³ He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die.

***The Nicene Creed: Page 24 – *We Believe*. . .**

Blessing of the Children [9:30 a.m.]

General Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray. . .

***Sermon Hymn: No. 158**

When I Survey

Sermon

“PD”

The Cross!

Morning Prayer and Lord’s Prayer [debts and debtors]

***Hymn: No. 261**

Before the Cross of Jesus

***Dismissal with Blessing**

***Going Forth**

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The Order of Worship for Lent is based on the order of “The Morning Service” from *The Hymnal*. We will continue to use *The Hymnal during Lent*. Please place your used copy on the pew as you leave the sanctuary. Palm Sunday the “red hymnal” will be found on the pew as you enter the sanctuary.

Penn West Conference Lenten Benevolence Mission –

The Conference Board of Directors has endorsed a Benevolence Mission of retiring medical debt for those in financial need in our region. The request is for every church of the Conference to provide a gift of \$250.00 at the least with a total of \$15,000 being raised which will retire \$1.5 million dollars of medical debt through a program that purchases debt from hospitals and assists those in need. You may mark on your Giving Envelope “Penn West” and your gift will be credited to this request. We will receive gifts through Easter Sunday here at Trinity.

The Annual One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be received during March. Offering Envelopes are in the information racks in the sanctuary.

A member of the Berlin Community needs a live donor for a kidney replacement. If you would be willing to consider offering a kidney, you must be aged 18-69 and in good health. Speak with Pastor Dave who is able to explain the situation further.

Card Shower for Allison Zimmerman’s Niece – Kimberly.

A card shower from all 50 States. Please send cards to Kimberly Roos, 444 Windwood Lake Dr., Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

This Week at Trinity

Monday 6:00 p.m. Brownies – Fellowship Hall

Wed. 6:30 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
Next Sunday – Palm Sunday
8:00 a.m. Worship
9:00 a.m. Congregational Meeting
9:30 a.m. Worship
9:45 a.m. Sunday School

Sunday School continues today at 9:45 a.m. Children will begin in the sanctuary and then be dismissed to class with a blessing from Pastor.

Congregational Meeting – Sunday, March 28 at 9 a.m. The Consistory has called a “special” meeting of the congregation to deal with one item of business. A proposal to upgrade the Sound and Video system to improve sound in the sanctuary and to record and broadcast live the Sunday service via YouTube, Facebook, and our church webpage. The Music Emporium of Altoona has been selected to do this work. The cost will not exceed \$8,000.00. Funds for this project are available from the Legacy Account and Memorial Gifts.

Holy Week 2021

Maundy Thursday – April 1: *Service of Holy Communion and Stripping of the Altar* at 7 p.m. Zion Lutheran Church, Meyersdale.

Good Friday – April 2: *Service of Shadows and Darkness* at 7 p.m. Trinity Church.

The Consistory has decided to share Holy Week with our Friends at Zion. We hope you will share in the services of Holy Week.

Giving From 3/14/2021

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
General	\$2435.00	\$2,434.93	-\$.07

Ben	\$453.00	\$213.46	\$239.54
Maint	\$120.00	\$163.46	-\$43.46
Total	\$3008.00	\$2811.85	\$196.15

Benevolence includes Food Pantry of \$15.00; Penn West Debt Relief of \$125.00; OGHS Offering of \$60.00.

2021 SOUPER BOWL RESULTS ARE IN!!!!

(Lester Would Be Proud!)

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – 5,775 POINTS
(Large Church)

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH OF GLEN SAVAGE – 5,910 POINTS
(Small Church)

The Berlin Area Food Pantry would like to thank you. The food and money will assist us in helping those who are struggling to make ends meet. We have been blessed with volunteers to aid in the disbursement of our food commodities. Due to contributions such as yours, we may reach out to additional clients.

If any of your church members know of any people that we could help, please ask them to come to the Berlin Area Food Pantry on any Wednesday from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. If they meet the requirements, we will be happy to help them out.

Where You May Find. . .

The Nursery: *is on the lower level for children and their parent. A big screen TV is mounted in the room so that you may watch the service.*

At the Sanctuary Entrances. . .

Large Print Bulletins

Hearing Amplifiers

Recycling Boxes for Bulletins

These Days – Devotional

Assisting in Worship

Sound: Terry Luteri, David Saylor

The Flowers on the altar in memory of Virgil Vaughan, Jr. by Michelle Vaughan and Nicole Parish.

Those Remembered in prayer:

God's guidance and protection for Armed Forces.

Shut Ins:

Roy Bucher, Helen Diest, Mary Forespring, Fae Hetrick, Cynthia Kelly, Lois Krause, Deb Luteri, Lois Saylor, Dirkje Stellingwerf.

Healing Concerns:

Mark Amyot, Lindsey Stotler Cioci, Terry Coslic, Pam Crooks, John Durst, Susan Durst, Wilma Durst, Bryan Emerick, Tony Fertitta, Jane Fisher, Linda Gallick, Janet Gindlesperger, Kathryn Grimm, Brenda Leister, Tom Logston, Larry McCullen, Bayley Mull, Bob Murphy, Karol Saylor, Tyler Seifert, Dwight Smith, Harry Watkins, Heather Weighley, Nancy Weighley, John Will, Karen Will, Kimberly Kay Roos Zimmerman.

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A Place Where Life and Faith Meet!

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